GARGOYLES

"STONE COLD"

PART TWO

AS DEMONA LEADS BROOKLYN, LEXINGTON AND BROADWAY ON AN ATTACK AGAINST XANATOS--

--ELISA AND HUDSON RACE AGAINST TIME TO SAVE GOLIATH FROM THE JAWS OF A MIGHTY CRUSHER--

--AND ONLY ONE THING STANDS IN THEIR WAY...

LOOK, LADY--YOU GOT PROBLEMS, I GOT PROBLEMS, WE ALL GOT PROBLEMS--

--BUT RIGHT NOW, MY PROBLEM IS I GOTTA EAT, AND IF YOU EVER TRIED COLD ASPARAGUS CASSEROLE, THEN YOU'D KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

GOOD-BYE!

POLICE

DON'T YOU DARE HANG UP ON ME, YOU--

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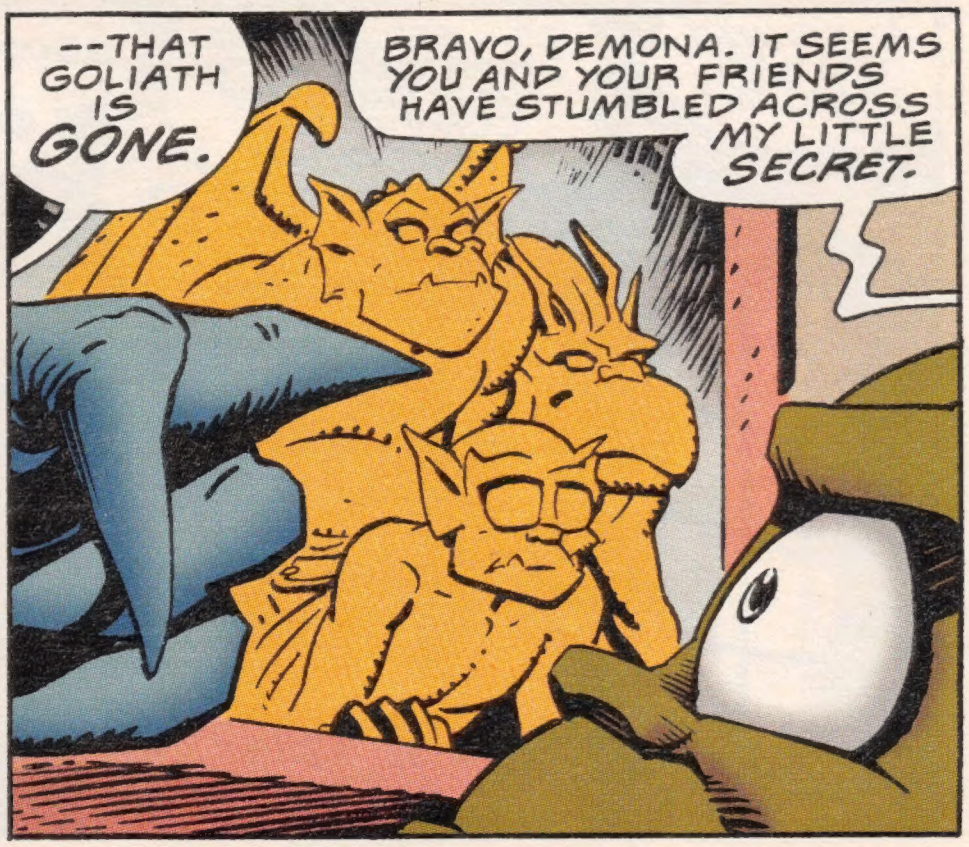
THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO REMOVE THE SPELL YOU PLACED ON GOLIATH!
FIRST CHANCE, LAST CHANCE--IT DOESN'T MATTER...

...BECAUSE I STILL HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO.
XANATOS, WE CAN CRUSH YOU TO CAT FOOD!
UHH... KIBBLES OR CANNED?
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A LITTLE EXTREME?

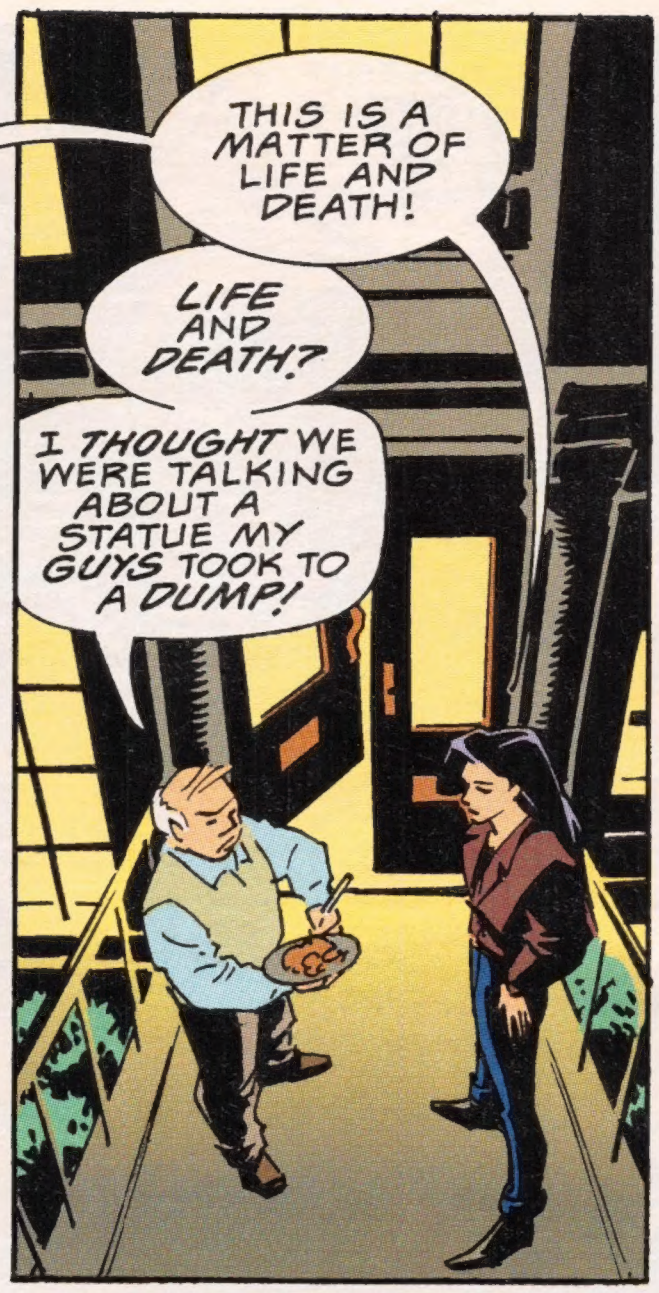
THIS HUMAN HAS TRIED TO DESTROY YOU TIME AND AGAIN!
WHY ARE YOU SO CONCERNED FOR HIS LIFE?!

BECAUSE YOU SAID HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SHOW US HOW TO SAVE GOLIATH!

LEXINGTON'S RIGHT! WE CAME HERE TO HELP GOLIATH!
TRUE... BUT I FEAR WE MUST FACE THE FACT--


--THAT GOLIATH IS GONE.
BRAVO, DEMONA. IT SEEMS YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE STUMBLED ACROSS MY LITTLE SECRET.

MR. BLANCHETTE, I WANT SOME ANSWERS-- NOW!


THIS IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!
LIFE AND DEATH?
I THOUGHT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT A STATUE MY GUYS TOOK TO A DUMP!

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT YOU TAKING A STATUE FROM A CITY PARK--
--WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION!

AND THAT STATUE WAS A FRIEND OF MINE!
NOW, WOULD YOU LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS HERE...
...OR DOWN-TOWN?

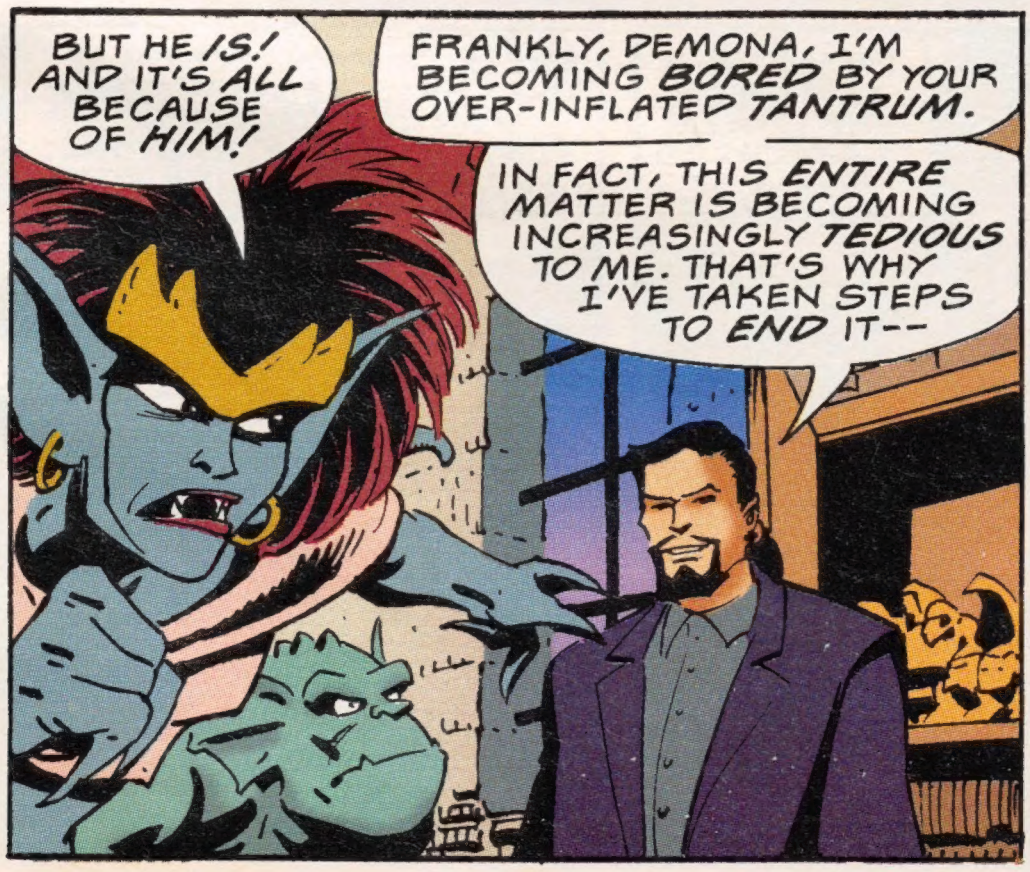
ANYTHING YOU SAY, OFFICER!
I'LL GET ALL THE INFORMATION YOU WANT FROM MY COMPUTER, RIGHT NOW!
GOOD--

"--BECAUSE WE'RE IN A HURRY!"
WHHIRRRRK
WHAT IS THAT?
AN ENGINE?!

WHIRR CHUNKA WHIRR CHUNKA
ENOUGH !!

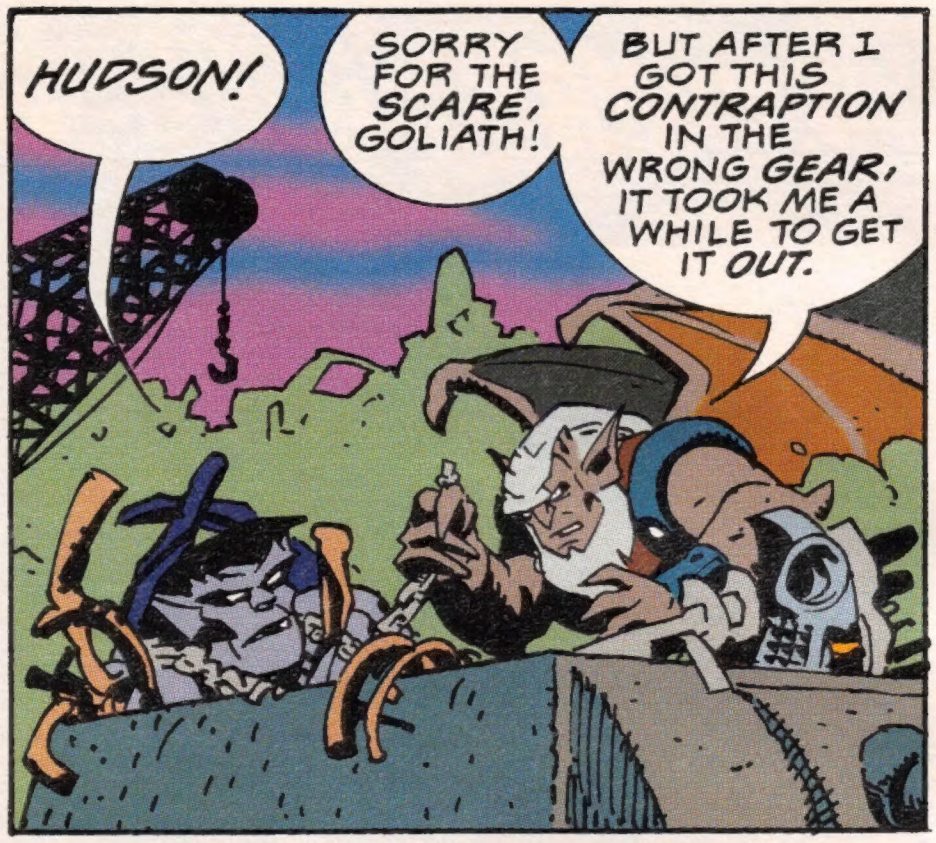
I SHALL NO LONGER BE A PRISONER !!
WHIRR CHUNKA WHIRR
CRRUNCHH

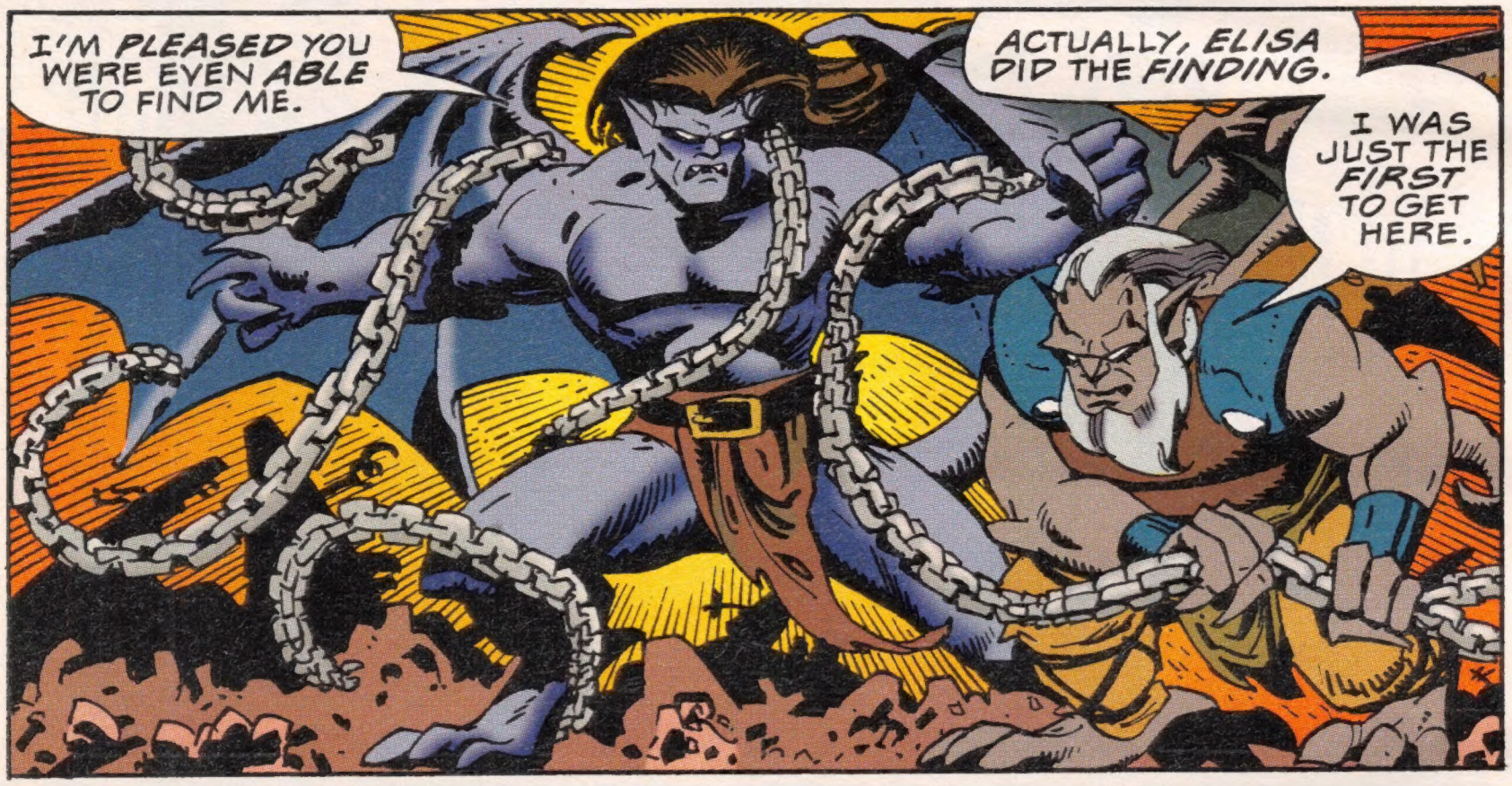
IT CAN'T BE! GOLIATH CAN'T BE GONE!


BUT HE IS! AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF HIM!
FRANKLY, DEMONA, I'M BECOMING BORED BY YOUR OVER-INFLATED TANTRUM.
IN FACT, THIS ENTIRE MATTER IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY TEDIOUS TO ME. THAT'S WHY I'VE TAKEN STEPS TO END IT--

--PERMANENTLY!

WHIRRRRRRR
WHAT IS THIS?!
THE WALLS MOVE OUTWARD!

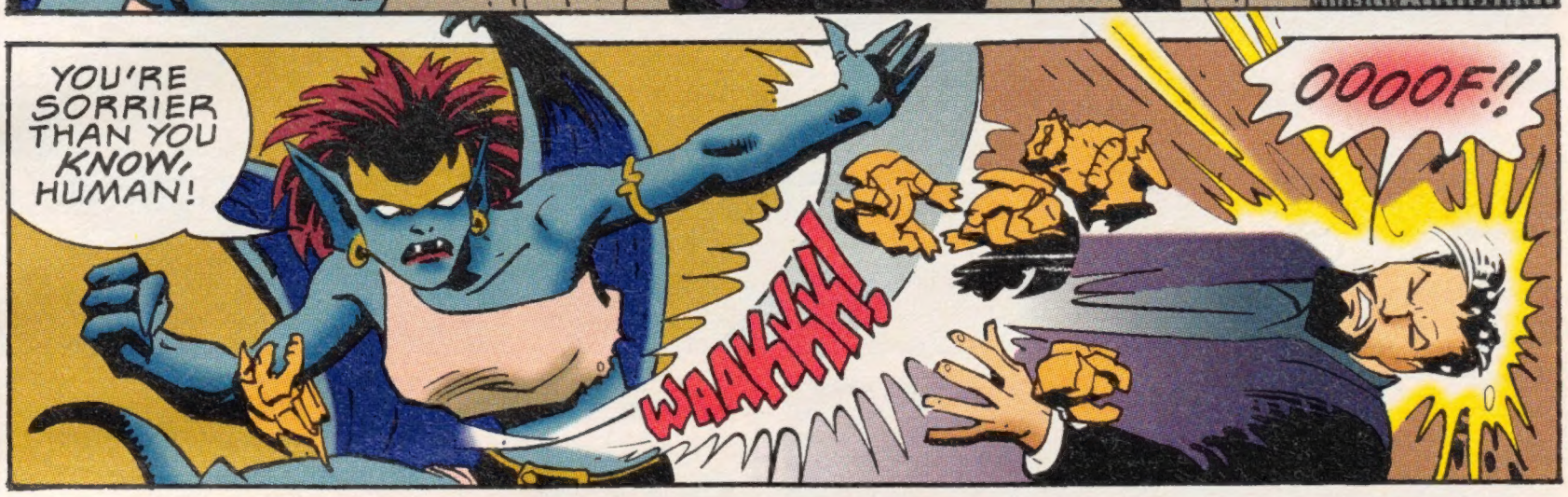

HUDSON!
SORRY FOR THE SCARE, GOLIATH!
BUT AFTER I GOT THIS CONTRAPTION IN THE WRONG GEAR, IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO GET IT OUT.

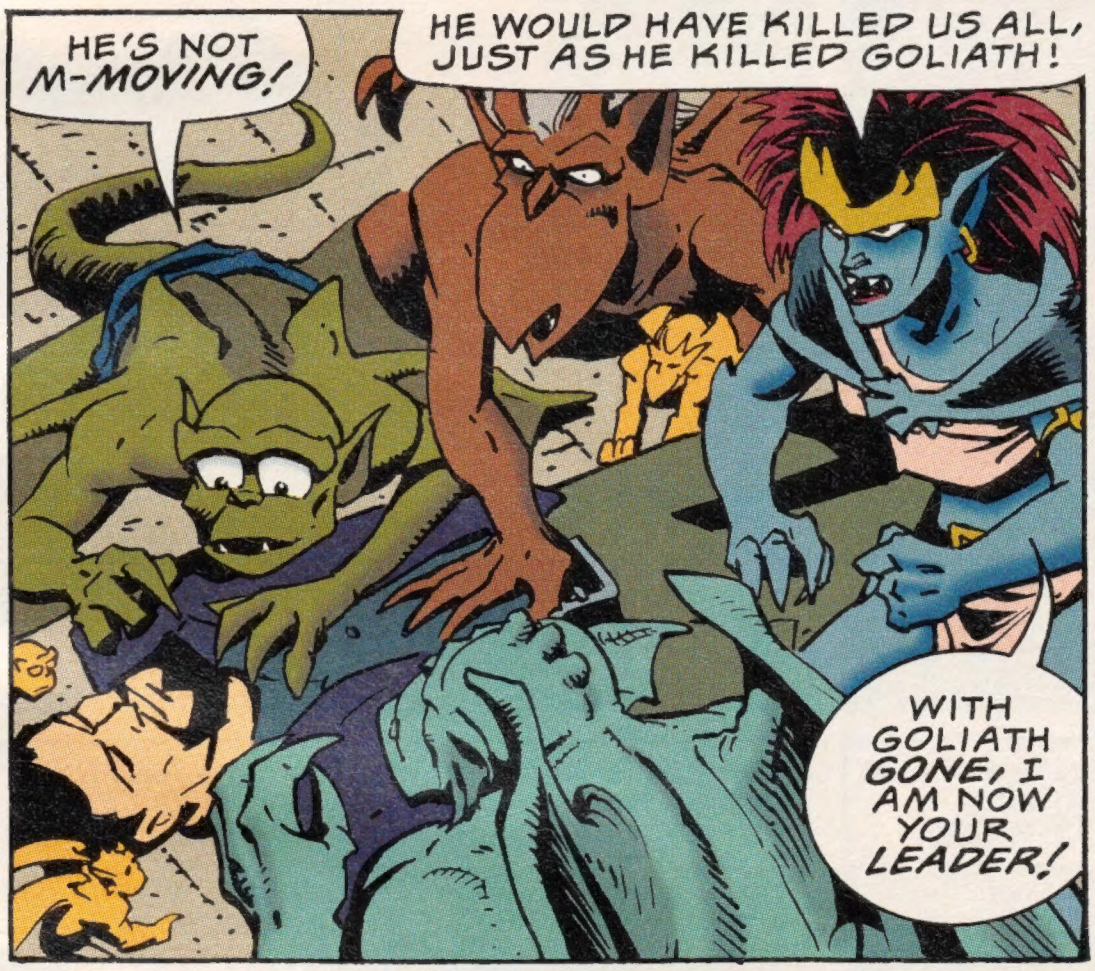

I'M PLEASED YOU WERE EVEN ABLE TO FIND ME.
ACTUALLY, ELISA DID THE FINDING.
I WAS JUST THE FIRST TO GET HERE.

ELISA--ONCE AGAIN, I'M IN YOUR DEBT.
PERHAPS NOW I SHALL LEARN WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT.
DEMONA'S LEADING THE OTHER GARGOYLES AGAINST XANATOS.

SHE'S CONVINCED THEM THAT HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR TURNING YOU PERMANENTLY TO STONE. BUT SHE'S THE ONE WHO HAD YOU BROUGHT HERE.

IN A WAY, I'M SORRY IT HAS TO END LIKE THIS, DEMONA.


YOU'RE SORRIER THAN YOU KNOW, HUMAN!
WAAKKH!
OOOOF!!


HE'S NOT M-MOVING!
HE WOULD HAVE KILLED US ALL, JUST AS HE KILLED GOLIATH!
WITH GOLIATH GONE, I AM NOW YOUR LEADER!

WITH XANATOS OUT OF THE WAY, WE CAN BEGIN A NEW ERA--
--AN ERA WHERE GARGOYLES WILL RULE THE WORLD!
WHO WILL HELP ME REGAIN OUR LOST LEGACY?

SAME OLD DEMONA-- STILL SELLING THE SAME OLD KETTLE OF FISH!
GOLIATH!
YOU'RE ALIVE!

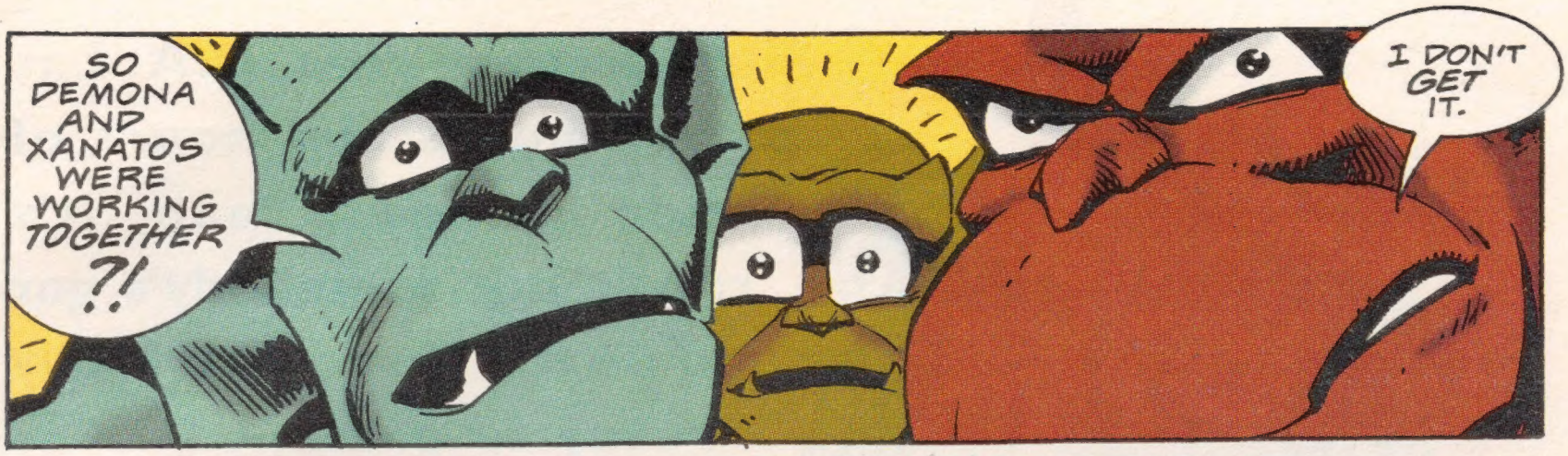
THANKS TO ELISA--
--AND NO THANKS TO DEMONA--

--OR XANATOS AND HIS ANDROID!
KRASHAM!

ANDROID?
YOU MEAN XANATOS IS A PUPPET?!
FZZZT!

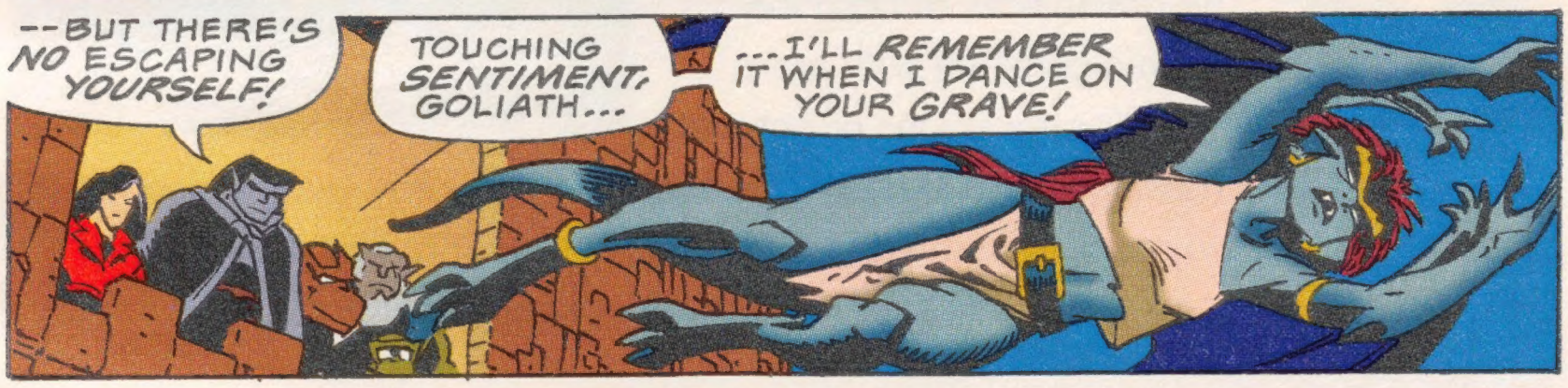
THAT'S RIGHT... A PUPPET IN A SHOW STAGED JUST FOR HUDSON AND YOU THREE.
HOWEVER, THE ENDING NEEDS A LITTLE WORK.

PERHAPS NEXT TIME YOU CAN FOLLOW THE SCRIPT MORE CLOSELY AND LET THE CRUSHER DO ITS WORK.
SORRY, BUT I PREFER TO IMPROVISE.


SO DEMONA AND XANATOS WERE WORKING TOGETHER ?!
I DON'T GET IT.

DEMONA WANTED TO BECOME YOUR LEADER--
--AND THROUGH HER, XANATOS WAS TO USE YOU FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES.
THAT WAY, THEY'D BOTH GET WHAT THEY WANTED.

SOME DAY I'LL GET WHAT I REALLY WANT!
DEMONA! YOU MAY ESCAPE US--


--BUT THERE'S NO ESCAPING YOURSELF!
TOUCHING SENTIMENT, GOLIATH...
...I'LL REMEMBER IT WHEN I DANCE ON YOUR GRAVE!

WELL, GOLIATH--ONCE AGAIN I MUST CONSOLE MYSELF WITH THE FACT THAT YOU CANNOT ALWAYS BE THE VICTOR IN THE GAME.
AS USUAL, XANATOS, YOU LOOK AT THINGS THE WRONG WAY--

"--YOU SHOULD CONSIDER MORE CAREFULLY WHAT IT IS THAT'S MADE YOU LOSE."

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